

Reference: Chap. 226, Laws of 1996

Note to Members and Retirees: This form **cannot** be used to designate a beneficiary to receive a monthly survivor benefit or a refund of retirement contributions from the Department of Retirement Systems.

Instructions: Use this form to designate or change your beneficiary(s) eligible to apply for benefits under Chapter 226, Laws of 1996. This law provides a \$150,000 benefit if your death occurs as a result of injuries sustained in the course of employment as a law enforcement officer or firefighter. **Eligibility to receive the benefits will be determined by the Department of Labor and Industries.**

Your designated primary and contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries may be a person, persons, your estate, a trust, or an organization. Primary beneficiaries will receive any monies payable under this law. If no primary beneficiary is alive at the time of your death, the contingent beneficiary(s) will receive the money. If there is no designated beneficiary still living at the time of your death, the death benefit will be paid to your surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the benefit will be paid to your legal representative.

To make your designation:

1. Complete Section One.
2. In Section Two, type or print in ink the requested information and check the appropriate box to indicate whether you wish to make that person or entity a primary or contingent beneficiary.

When naming a person, always show given names. For example:
MARY K. DOE (not Mrs. Robert Doe)

You may designate more than one primary beneficiary. If you do, the benefit will be divided equally among all named primary beneficiaries.

After naming your primary beneficiary(s), you may name one or more contingent beneficiaries. If the primary beneficiaries are no longer living, the benefit will be divided equally among all contingent beneficiaries.

3. Complete and sign Section Three.
4. To protect members from fraudulent claims, it is required that another person witness the member's signature on this document and complete and sign Section Four. The witness must be someone other than a designated beneficiary.
5. The form must be returned to your employer to be made a permanent part of your personnel file.

Important: Make a copy of your beneficiary designation and retain it for periodic and review to ensure that it remains valid.

26 United States Code, Sections 6047(D), 6041(A), and 6109(A)(3) authorize DRS to solicit your Social Security number.

- DRS uses your Social Security number to ensure that any amounts disbursed under your account are properly reported to the Internal Revenue Service and as a reference number for tracking all data with regard to your retirement account.
- Routinely, DRS uses the Social Security number as the identifying number for the member file.
- If you do not provide your Social Security number, DRS cannot guarantee that the information you are providing on this form will be properly matched with your member records. This is a particular risk if your name is a fairly common one. Failure to provide your Social Security number may also result in misreporting to the Internal Revenue Service of any disbursements you receive, which may result in adverse tax consequences for you.
- Because DRS uses your Social Security number in order to report disbursements to the IRS as required under federal law, The disclosure of your Social Security number is mandatory.